

What's New In CMDB v2.1

1. Password, Security, and login Requirements were enhanced to comply with stated requirements. Proper guidance is provided when the option to change a password is initiated.
2. All tracking item numbers (i.e.; PCMRs, AIs, DRRs, and Workplans) were changed to include an "I" for Internet and a "J" for JWICs in the numbering schema. This was added to allow direct data entry into the JWICs CMDB and not have to wait for 24 to 48 hour data synchronization processing to the internet CMDB.

System generated numbers contain information to identify the application and/or originating site and/or version and/or year.

PCMR#:

Site ID-Application-Year-Internet (I) or JWICs (J) Letter Reference-Sequence number within the year (e.g. TCO-1-CMDB-00-I005 or TCO-1-CMDB-00-J005).

DRR#:

Application-Version-Acronym/Document Date- Internet (I) or JWICs (J) Letter Reference-Sequence number within the year (e.g. CMDB-1.3-UM/01JAN99-I106 or CMDB-1.3-UM/01JAN99-J106).

AI#:

Application-Originator's Last Name-Year-Internet (I) or JWICs (J) Letter Reference-Sequence number (CMDB-TUCKER-00-I001 or CMDB-TUCKER-00-J001).

Workplan #:

Application-Year-Internet (I) or JWICs (J) Letter Reference-Sequence number within the year (e.g. CMDB-00-I200 or CMDB-00-J200).

3. Special Browser settings for Netscape Navigator are required to allow users the capability to use the back option to prefill data screens when an error message is displayed for missing mandatory data.

Open Netscape Navigator and select Edit from the main toolbar. Select Preferences and then locate the Category menu on the left side of the pop up window and expand the Advanced category by clicking the + button. From the expanded menu select Cache. The current Cache settings will be displayed on the right. Type in the number 5000 or higher in the Memory Cache field and select OK. There are no special settings required for Internet Explorer.

4. Enhanced date query capability was implemented in query screens.

All items in the tracking section of the CMDB, with various date options (i.e.; ranges, day, month, etc.) in fields Created, Updated, and Suspense Date formats for queries are now separated into three fields: Day, Month, and Year. There were no changes in the "New Record" tracking options for date entry. New Record date format is still DD-MMM-YY.

5. Adhoc Report "OR" functionality was added.

In the previous release the only option available was the AND functionality. Now users have the capability to OR clauses in a query.

In the previous CMDB version 2.0, a query might be: OS = 1.0 AND Created = 10-JUN-01 AND Restricted = Y.

An example in CMDB v2.1 a query might be: OS = 1.0 AND Type = C OR Restricted = Y.

6. Three Workplans can now be created for a PCMR.

7. Records displayed in the results screen can now be updated consecutively without having to re-query or use the Browser "Back" button.

8. Multiple records can be printed by selecting "Print All".

The "Print All" and "Print All with Notes" button is displayed after a query is performed on items in the tracking section of the CMDB. Once the option is selected, the items in the query list will be printed with asterisks between the items on the printed report. These will not be printed on individual pages.

9. The CM role can globally update a grouped set of queried records in the tracking section of the CMDB.

CMDB users that have a change that affects multiple records (e.g. changing a large number of restricted records to unrestricted or closing all DRRs for a specific document) can request a CM Administrator to globally change this information.

10. The capability to select multiple values for certain pulldown fields for querying is now available.

As an example, the "Application" field and "Version" number field on a DRR Query screen displays four items in the pulldown list. Select the first appropriate application and then hold down the Ctrl button on your keyboard and select the additional applications required in the query. This option applies to tracking items in the CMDB.

11. CMDB users can unsubscribe to a hotlist item.

A "Get Off Hotlist" button is provided to unsubscribe to those items that are hotlisted to an individual CMDB account.

12. CMDB notifications now can be sorted by the column titles for each category on the page and notifications can be deleted as a group, both contiguously and non-contiguously.

Notifications can be deleted using the "Notif No." check box for each specific item and then selecting the "Delete Notifications Checked" button at the bottom of the notification page.

13. The telephone number field for profiles is now a single free text field.

In the People and Places, User Profile Query/Update Screen the Telephone number field is now a single free text field. It is large enough to contain a commercial phone number, a second phone line, foreign phone number, or DSN, if applicable. The fax number is also a separate free text field separate from the other telephone number information.

14. Help Text was added for Acronym descriptions.

Acronym descriptions in the Document Review Report Query screen and in the Main Library Query screen using the help option of clicking on the field name "Acronym". A button "List of Acronyms" is displayed. Select this button and the Acronyms that are being used in the CMDB are listed. If the acronym is not listed contact the CM office.

15. A mandatory acknowledgement statement was added to the Intelink CMDB tracking item section to document classification markings for fields not requiring an individual classification.

16. Financial "Type" was added to pulldown list for the Add Note option.
17. A link was added in standard reports for "Hotlist" items under the Configurable Item Number column. Once selected the specific record will be displayed automatically.
18. All users of the database have access to all standard reports in the CMDB.
19. PM roles can now enter and update Library items.
20. CM/PM roles can now enter and update Release items for applications.
21. Adhoc Report Query selections are now case insensitive for search items.

NOTE: For more details on any of the items listed above reference the CMDB v2.1 SUM in the CMDB under the "Documents" section under the CMDB link. It is also available on via the web on the CMDB extranet site. If you need further assistance or information, contact the CM Office at 315-330-2723/4209 or DSN 587.